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County Notifying Voters About Duplicate Absentee Ballots

County Registrar of Voter's officials want to alert the public that approximately 1,000 duplicate absentee ballots were mailed out by mistake but the error has been corrected and it will not impact the integrity of the upcoming election.

The Registrar's records show 1,015 identical envelopes were printed twice by mistake. Ballots were then placed into each envelope and mailed out by the Registrar's staff. The mistake was brought to the Registrar's attention by an alert voter.

The County has identified the name of every person who was sent two identical ballots and the Registrar's staff is calling each person to alert them to this duplication error. Each affected voter is being instructed to destroy one ballot. If a voter attempts to vote both ballots, the system will identify that a duplicate bar code number has been entered. This will result in the second ballot being kicked out and rejected.

"We have identified a process error that has been corrected," said Mikel Haas, Policy Advisor to the Chief Administrative Officer. "It is important for the public to understand the nature of this error and how it is being corrected so they can be reassured the outcome of the election will not be impacted."

The election process contains check and balances to prevent people from voting twice. Bar codes as well as signature verification are examples of checks and balances.

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